(SRI R. G. KAMAT)

(*d*) whether it is a fact that both the societies have submitted applications to the Government to expedite the investigation and settle the matter of allotment of coupes to them in the first week of July 1957?

A.—Smt. LEELAVATHI MAGADI VENKATESH (Deputy Minister for Rural Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) and (*d*) The investigation was completed and it was decided during 1957-58 to sell the forest coupes in public auction instead of selling them at upset price. During 1958-59, two coupes have been allotted to the above Societies.

Second Division Clerks in the District and Sub-Division offices in Tumkur working for more than ten years.

Q.—3230. Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of first and second division clerks working in the Tumkur District Office and the Sub-Division Office and staying in Tumkur itself for more than ten years ;

(*b*) the number of them belonging to Tumkur Town and round about villages;

(*c*) since how long these officials are being interchanged in District Head-Quarters itself ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Facilities provided to Visitors at Mahakoot in Badami Taluk.

Q.—3951. Sri J. L. KABADI (Indi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is an ancient place of pilgrimage called Mahakoot in Badami Taluk considered as Dakshina Kasi;

(*b*) whether they are also aware that pilgrims, travellers and research persons from foreign countries visit this place,

(*c*) the facilities provided for such tourists ;

(*d*) whether they are aware that there is neither a Rest House nor a proper road facility for travellers to this place?

A.—Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Deputy Minister for Home).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) & (*d*) There are two Inspection Bungalows at Badami where the tourists usually stay. Tongas are available at Badami for the journey to Mahakoot and back. There are two or three small hotels. There is a pucca road from Badami to Kendur and a kutcha road from Kendur to Mahakoot. There is another alternative route from Badami to Mahakoot, *via* Banshankari and Shivayogmandir which is about 11 miles.

High Rate of Land Revenue at Kittur, Athani Taluk.

Q.—1549. Sri V. L. PATIL (Raibag).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the rate of Land Revenue at Kittur in Athani Taluk, Belgaum District, is higher than in other adjacent villages;

(*b*) the reasons therefor ;

(*c*) when was the survey undertaken by the Government in order to reassess the Land Revenue ;

(*d*) whether they have received any representation in this behalf;

(*e*) if so, the steps taken in the matter ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not known as it is an ex-State village.

(*c*) Revision Settlement was done in the year 1917. The next revision was due in 1947, but has not yet been taken up.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Revision of the rate of assessment of this village along with other Ex-State villages having regard to the standard rates of assessment fixed in respect of agricultural lands in other areas as per proviso to Bombay Land Revenue Rules No. 19-N is in progress.

Acreage of perennial seasonal and dry land in Belgaum District.

Q.—1645. Sri V. S. PATIL (Belgaum).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total acreage of—

(i) Irrigated—(perennial) land,

(ii) Seasonally irrigated land, and

(iii) Dry land,

in each taluk of Belgaum District ;

(*b*) whether there are any proposals to increase the area of irrigated lands and if so, in what Taluks ;

(*c*) when these proposals are likely to be taken up together with the costs involved ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) The total acreage of the three categories of lands is as follows :—

Name of Taluk	Irrigated Perennial	Seasonally irrigated land	Dry land
Belgaum	9,877	3,043	1,38,704
Khanapur	6,305	856	1,03,191
Sampagaon	9,872	435	2,26,066
Chikodi	11,377	992	2,32,917
Parasgad	1,415	64	3,01,542
Hukeri	8,165	292	1,61.135
Gokak	7,230	21,173	2,49,539
Athani	20,132	...	3,86,321
Ramdurg	930	364	2,26,749
Raibag Mahal	16,735	7,043	1,56,865
Total ...	92,838	37,214	22,54,180

(*b*) Yes. In the taluks of Ramdurg, Hukeri, Bailhongal, Athani, Gokak, Sampagon, Khanapur, Samdatti, Chikodi.

(*c*) They will be taken up after the schemes are sanctioned and funds are provided. These schemes are roughly estimated to cost Rs. 80·00 lakhs.

General Body Meeting of the Bellary District Co-operative Bank, Hospet.

Q.—1686. Sri M. M. PATIL (Bellary).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) since when the general body meeting of the Bellary District Co-operative Bank, Hospet, is not held ;

(*b*) the reasons for not convening the meeting ;

(*c*) the action taken for the delay in convening the general body meeting?

A.—Sri MALI MARIAPPA (Minister for Co-operation).—

(*a*) Since 18-12-1955.

(*b*) The management's omission.

(*c*) The Board of Directors of the Bank is superseded.